Claims

- 1. A method for retrofitting a bucket including
 - a cylindrically shaped container including an upper portion,
 - a wire member including
- first and second ends attached to the upper portion of the container,
 - a central section intermediate the first and second ends,
 - a gripping member mounted on the central section of the wire member,

the method including the steps of

- (a) removing the gripping member; +
- providing a replacement unit for the gripping member, the replacement unit including a plurality of pieces shaped and dimensioned to interfit with one another and circumscribe the central section of the wire member;
 - (c) mounting the replacement unit on the central section of the wire member by interfitting said plurality of pieces.
- 15 2. In combination with a bucket, the bucket including
 - a cylindrically shaped container including an upper portion,
 - a wire member including

first and second ends attached to the upper portion of the container,

a central section intermediate the first and second ends,

20 the improvements comprising means for grasping the wire member and including a plurality of pieces shaped and dimensioned to interfit around the central section of the wire member.